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RALPH BARAN & FERDINAND DIETZ

Appl. No.: 10/669,387

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Group Art Unit: 2834

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following reference A). Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

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A)	Germany	DE 199 52 464 A1	Miele & Cie	05-23-2001

A copy of this reference is submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached reference has been considered and made of record.

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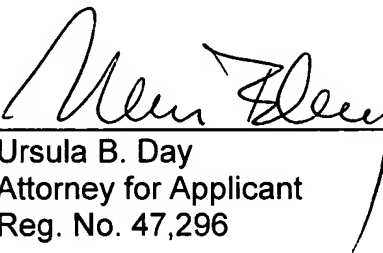
Reference A) describes a method comprising using a balance device with ball weights (13) moving freely in a circular track (12) concentric to the drum (2). An imbalance detection unit (6b,c) produces an imbalance signal during rotation or fluctuations in rotation speed. The system is rotated at a speed below its critical rotation speed, or that of its bearing system. The balancing unit is made so that the ball weights are carried in the track at this rotation speed. An evaluation unit (6d) determines the amount of smooth curve produced by an imbalance signal and accelerates the body to a rotation speed above its critical speed of the curve minimum or on falling short of a threshold value or the critical rotation speed of its support system.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

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Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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	DE 199 52 464 A1	05-23-2001	Germany			no

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